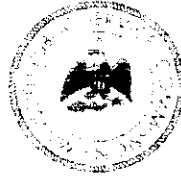


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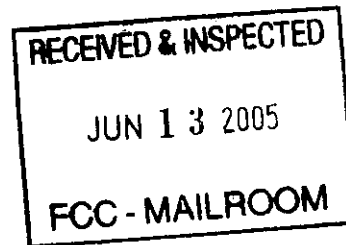


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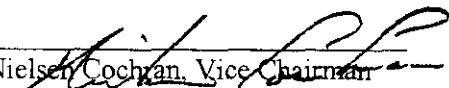
NOTICE

Eligible Telecommunications Carriers **2005 Mississippi Lifeline/Link-Up Verification and Certification Procedures**

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), in its April 29, 2004 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 03-109, FCC 04-87 ("Lifeline Order"), adopted the Joint Board's Recommendation that all states, including states with their own Lifeline/Link-Up programs, implement verification and certification processes by June 22, 2005. A Generic Docket will be initiated to address the issues set forth in the Lifeline Order in an effort to further refine the MPSC Lifeline/Link-Up program. To comply with the June 22nd deadline, the Mississippi Public Service Commission is adopting the federal-default verification procedures for a statistically valid sample for the 2005 calendar year.¹ In addition, eligible telecommunications carriers are required to adhere to the recordkeeping rules set forth in the Lifeline Order.² Eligible telecommunications carriers shall use the attached sample letter to submit the results of their verification efforts. These results should be submitted on or before November 1, 2005. Carriers are also required to certify eligibility of Lifeline/Link-Up recipients in one of the qualifying programs by receipt of documentation of eligibility.

Dated this the 9th day of June, 2005.


Bo Robinson, Chairman


Nielsen Cochran, Vice Chairman


Michael Callahan, Commissioner

¹FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 03-109, FCC 04-87 (released April 29, 2004) at paragraphs 33-36 and Appendix J.

² Id. at ¶¶ 37-39.

Verification of Consumer's Continued Eligibility for Lifeline

Date: _____

To: Vicki Helfrich
Director - Communications
Mississippi Public Utilities Staff
Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street
Suite 301-B
Jackson, MS 39201

This letter is to certify that (company name) _____
has procedures in place to verify the continued eligibility of a statistically valid random
sample of its Lifeline customers. The results are provided in the chart below.

I am the designated company representative of the company listed above. I am
authorized to make this company certification for the results of the statistically valid
random sample of its Lifeline customers.

Company Name	Number of Lifeline customers surveyed	Number of Lifeline customers found to be ineligible

Signed,

[Signature of Company Representative]

[Printed Name of Company Representative]

[Title of Company Representative]

[Company Address]

[Company Telephone Number]